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Docket No.: 1081.1084

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Toyoshi KAWADA, et al.

Serial No. 09/468,639

Group Art Unit: 2674

Confirmation No. 3873

Filed: December 22, 1999

Examiner: Regina Liang

For: PLASMA DISPLAY PANEL DEVICE

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PETITION TO RESTART PREVIOUSLY SET PERIOD FOR REPLY**DUE TO LATE RECEIPT OF AN OFFICE ACTION: MPEP 710.06**

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Washington, D.C. 20231DIRECTOR OFFICE
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Sir:

An Office Action having a mailing date of December 3, 2001 in the subject application was received on January 24, 2002 at the correspondence address of the undersigned firm having Power of Attorney in the subject application. This Petition requests that the previously set period for response be restarted from the date of receipt of the Office Action at the correspondence address of the undersigned firm, in accordance with MPEP 710.06 and parts (A) through (C)(2) thereof.

In accordance with part (A), this Petition is filed within two (2) weeks of the date of receipt of the Office Action at the correspondence address.

In accordance with part (B), the delay occupied a substantial portion of the set reply period (e.g., at least 1 month of a 2- or 3-month reply period had already elapsed as of the date of receipt).

In accordance with part (C)(1), a copy of the "Office action having the date of receipt of the Office action at the correspondence address stamped thereon is attached as evidence showing the date of receipt of the Office action at the correspondence address."

In accordance with part (C)(2) and pursuant to the usual mail processing procedures of the firm, incoming mail is delivered to the Office Services section of the firm. The mail is then

opened by file clerk(s) of the firm who distribute the opened mail to specified firm personnel. All mail from the USPTO is distributed to the Docketing Department.

In the Docketing Department, the Docketing Manager, Victor DelRio, personally date stamps, and/or supervises the date stamping of, each item of mail and the entry of the identification of each item of mail and the due date of response thereto into the automated docketing system of the firm. The mail is then distributed to the firm attorney having responsibility for the involved matter.

The belated receipt by the firm of large amounts of USPTO mail including the Office action to which this Petition is relevant, was brought to the attention of partners of the aforesaid firm who instituted procedures within the firm for processing this USPTO mail on an expedited basis and preparing and filing the subject Petition.

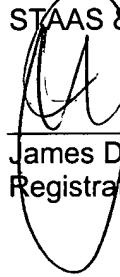
By this Petition, the undersigned attorney for applicant(s) requests that the previously set period for reply be reset to run from the date of receipt of the Office Action of January 24, 2002.

If any fees are required in connection with the filing of this Petition, please charge same to Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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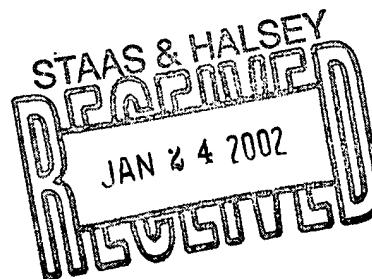
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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s) Kawada et al5

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

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1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the matter _____ is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle* 1035 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

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Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-26 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved.

12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

13) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

a) All b) Some* c) None of:

- Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
- Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
- Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

15) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

16) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

17) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). 3

18) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____

19) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

20) Other: _____

PTO-1449

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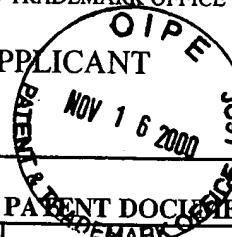
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LIST OF REFERENCES CITED BY APPLICANT

(Use several sheets if necessary)



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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB-CLASS	FILING DATE
AA	AA	4,044,349	08/23/77	Andoh et al.	G06F	3/14	
	AB	4,384,287	05/17/83	Sakuma	G09G	15/08	RECEIVED
AC	AC	4,652,796	03/24/87	Delgrange et al.	G09G	NOV 16 2000	
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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AA	AG	0 068 110 A2	05.01.83	Europe	G09G	3/28	✓
	AH						
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OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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EXAMINER

Rosa L. Diaz

DATE CONSIDERED

11/26/01

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Andoh et al (US. PAT. NO. 4,044,349 hereinafter Andoh).

Figs. 1, 2 of Andoh discloses a plasma display panel device having first and second electrodes (X and Y electrodes) provided apart from one another and a ground power source, and performing display by generating a discharge between the first and second electrodes, the plasma display panel device comprising a drive circuit (driver 112) that connects the first and second electrodes to power sources that are different from the ground power source or the drive circuit that changes the first and second electrodes from a state of being connected to a first or/and second power sources different from the ground power source to a state of being connected to a second or/and third or/and fourth power sources different from the ground power source so as to apply a drive voltage between the two electrodes when drive voltage pulses are to be applied between the first and second electrodes (see Fig. 4 and col. 5, line 53 to col. 6, line 46).

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3. Claims 1-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sakuma (US. PAT. NO. 4,384,287).

Sakuma discloses a plasma display panel device having first and second electrodes (301, 302) provided apart from one another and a ground power source, and performing display by generating a discharge between the first and second electrodes, the plasma display panel device comprising a drive circuit (Fig. 6) that connects the first and second electrodes to power sources that are different from the ground power source or the drive circuit that changes the first and second electrodes from a state of being connected to a first or/and second power sources different from the ground power source to a state of being connected to a second or/and third or/and fourth power sources different from the ground power source so as to apply a drive voltage between the two electrodes when drive voltage pulses are to be applied between the first and second electrodes (see Figs. 6-12 and col. 5, lines 14-45, col. 7, line 11 to col. 8, line 20).

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Regina Liang whose telephone number is (703) 305-4719. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9AM to 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Hjerpe, can be reached on (703) 305-4709.

Any response to this action should be mailed to:

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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

or faxed to:

(703) 872-9314, (for Technology Center 2600 only)

Hand-delivered responses should be brought to Crystal Park II, 2121 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA., Sixth Floor (Receptionist).

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Technology Center 2600 Customer Service Office whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377.


REGINA LIANG
PRIMARY EXAMINER
ART UNIT 2674

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NOTICE OF DRAFTSPERSON'S
PATENT DRAWING REVIEWThe drawing(s) filed (insert date) 12/12/00 are:

A. approved by the Draftsperson under 37 CFR 1.84 or 1.152.
 B. objected to by the Draftsperson under 37 CFR 1.84 or 1.152 for the reasons indicated below. The Examiner will require submission of new, corrected drawings when necessary. Corrected drawing must be submitted according to the instructions on the back of this notice.

1. DRAWINGS. 37 CFR 1.84(a): Acceptable categories of drawings:

Black ink: Color.
 Color drawings are not acceptable until petition is granted.
 Fig(s) _____

2. PHOTOGRAPHS. 37 CFR 1.84 (b)

— 1 full-tone set is required. Fig(s) _____
 — Photographs not properly mounted (must use bristol board or photographic double-weight paper). Fig(s) _____
 — Poor quality (half-tone). Fig(s) _____

3. TYPE OF PAPER. 37 CFR 1.84(e)

— Paper not flexible, strong, white, and durable.
 Fig(s) _____
 — Erasures, alterations, overwritings, interlineations, folds; copy machine marks not accepted. Fig(s) _____
 — Mylar, velum paper is not acceptable (too thin). Fig(s) _____

4. SIZE OF PAPER. 37 CFR 1.84(f): Acceptable sizes:

— 21.0 cm by 29.7 cm (DIN size A4)
 — 21.6 cm by 27.9 cm (8 1/2 x 11 inches)
 — All drawing sheets not the same size.
 Sheet(s) _____
 — Drawings sheets not an acceptable size. Fig(s) _____

5. MARGINS. 37 CFR 1.84(g): Acceptable margins:

Top 2.5 cm Left 2.5cm Right 1.5 cm Bottom 1.0 cm
 SIZE: A4 Size
 Top 2.5 cm Left 2.5 cm Right 1.5 cm Bottom 1.0 cm
 SIZE: 8 1/2 x 11
 Margins not acceptable. Fig(s) 3
 Top (T) _____ Left (L) _____
 Right (R) _____ Bottom (B) _____

6. VIEWS. 37 CFR 1.84(h)

REMINDER: Specification may require revision to correspond to drawing changes.

Partial views. 37 CFR 1.84(h)(2)

— Brackets needed to show figure as one entity.
 Fig(s) _____
 — Views not labeled separately or properly.
 Fig(s) _____
 — Enlarged view not labeled separately or properly.
 Fig(s) _____

7. SECTIONAL VIEWS. 37 CFR 1.84 (h)(3)

— Hatching not indicated for sectional portions of an object.
 Fig(s) _____
 — Sectional designation should be noted with Arabic or Roman numbers. Fig(s) _____

8. ARRANGEMENT OF VIEWS. 37 CFR 1.84(i)

— Words do not appear on a horizontal, left-to-right fashion when page is either upright or turned so that the top becomes the right side, except for graphs. Fig(s) _____

9. SCALE. 37 CFR 1.84(k)

— Scale not large enough to show mechanism without crowding when drawing is reduced in size to two-thirds in reproduction.
 Fig(s) _____

10. CHARACTER OF LINES, NUMBERS, & LETTERS.

37 CFR 1.84(i)
 — Lines, numbers & letters not uniformly thick and well defined, clean, durable, and black (poor line quality).
 Fig(s) _____

11. SHADING. 37 CFR 1.84(m)

— Solid black areas pale. Fig(s) _____
 — Solid black shading not permitted. Fig(s) _____
 — Shade lines, pale, rough and blurred. Fig(s) _____

12. NUMBERS, LETTERS, & REFERENCE CHARACTERS.

37 CFR 1.84(p)
 — Numbers and reference characters not plain and legible.
 Fig(s) _____
 — Figure legends are poor. Fig(s) _____
 — Numbers and reference characters not oriented in the same direction as the view. 37 CFR 1.84(p)(1)
 Fig(s) _____
 — English alphabet not used. 37 CFR 1.84(p)(2)
 Figs: _____
 — Numbers, letters and reference characters must be at least .32 cm (1/8 inch) in height. 37 CFR 1.84(p)(3)
 Fig(s) _____

13. LEAD LINES. 37 CFR 1.84(q)

— Lead lines cross each other. Fig(s) _____
 — Lead lines missing. Fig(s) _____

14. NUMBERING OF SHEETS OF DRAWINGS. 37 CFR 1.84(i)

— Sheets not numbered consecutively, and in Arabic numerals beginning with number 1. Sheet(s) _____

15. NUMBERING OF VIEWS. 37 CFR 1.84(u)

— Views not numbered consecutively, and in Arabic numerals, beginning with number 1. Fig(s) _____

16. CORRECTIONS. 37 CFR 1.84(w)

— Corrections not made from prior PTO-948 dated _____

17. DESIGN DRAWINGS. 37 CFR 1.152

— Surface shading shown not appropriate. Fig(s) _____
 — Solid black shading not used for color contrast.
 Fig(s) _____

COMMENTS

REVIEWER _____

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ATTACHMENT TO PAPER NO. 3